

[29 November, 2001]

RAJYA SABHA

(c) the details of the projects pending with the Central Government for approval/sanction indicating estimated cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) 12 Nos. of projects amounting to Rs.3390.17 lakhs during the year 2000-2001 and 13 Nos. of projects amounting to Rs.4519.00 lakhs during the year 2001-2002 have been sanctioned in Jammu & Kashmir. So far a sum of Rs.1474.31 lakhs has been released under the Central Roads Funds Scheme in Jammu and Kashmir.

(c) Nil.

National Highway between Gopalpur and Raipur

1342. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to construct a National Highway between Gopalpur in Orissa and Raipur in Chhattisgarh:

(b) if so, the progress of work in this regard alongwith the details of land acquired and plan prepared for the purpose; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government for time-bound implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI):

(a) to (c) The road between Gopalpur in Orissa and Raipur in Chhattisgarh has been declared as National Highway No. 217 *vide* Notification No. S.O. 923(E) dated 12th October, 2000 and entrusted to the respective State Governments *vide* Notification S.O.350(E) dated 23rd April, 2001. Average land width available for development of this NH is 20m. Development of National Highways is a continuous process and improvement works are taken up in a phased manner depending on availability of funds and *inter-se*-priority.

Maintenance of NH-215

1343. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:
SHRI ANANTA SETHI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state: